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"He's true to God who's true to man: Wherever wrong is done To the humblest and the weakest 'Neath the all-beholding sun, That wrong is also done to us, And they are slaves most base, Whose love of right is for themselves, And not for all the race"

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THE fund for the relief of the deaf refugees of Belgium is growing rapidly. At this writing there is considerably more than two hundred dollars, and we are informed that a goodly amount has been collected by the Divisions of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, which, as soon as a complete round-up of tardy contributors has been made, will be forwarded to be added to the total now in the hands of the Editor of the DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL. The Frat will print a full list of the contributions it has up to the time of going to press this week, and when it comes to us we will add it to the bulletins we are publishing every week.

We would like to publish all of the letters that accompany the contributions that are sent in, but so much space would be required that it is not possible at present. However, it may be that later we can give the gist of most of the letters, in order that readers may be inspired by the spirit and example of the writers thereof. One peculiar phase which this fund has developed is the illogical arguments against it of those who hang back. They assert that "America first" is their motto. Which seems quite a plausible excuse. But there is no such war havoc in America as exists in Europe at the present time. There are no cases of death by starvation or by exposure to the wintry elements. And if there were, on every hand is to be seen prosperity and homes of comfort to which the desolate can successfully apply for relief.

For those who are too bashful to expose their benevolence to aliens, as well as those who cling to their coin with frenzied tenacity, there is a most worthy and commendable project, to which they can devote a moiety, and thereby stimulate and uplift their souls with the elation of appreciative gratitude—and that is the project to erect a memorial statue to the first and greatest benefactor of the deaf of the world, the Abbe Michel de l'Epee.

We are going to scan carefully the lists of contributors to this memorial movement, and mark well if the "help America first" cry has been only a bluff of the tight-wads, and not an honest conviction of fair-minded men.

We expect to forward to Mile. Pitrois, in a couple of weeks, the total amount of Belgian Refugee Fund money in our hands, together with the printed bulletin of contributors, therefore request that the deaf who have not yet contributed do so without delay. The worst months of winter are at hand, and our helpless deaf brethren, in a war-ravaged land, are starving for lack of the necessities of life and dying through sick-

ness caused by want of proper shelter and clothing.

"That which you give is yours forevermore."

The Christmas Season.

Now comes the cheerful season when people smile all day—and is there any reason why it should pass away? The bells in yonder steeple can't always give their sound, but why can't human people be kind the whole year round? If I can grin like thunder throughout the Christmas Day, why can't I grin, I wonder, in August, June or May? If I can make folks happy when Christmas is on deck, I never should be scrappy, nor make of joy a wreck. When Christmas comes I'm mellow, I burble fifty ways, and when I meet a fellow I wish him happy days. But after, when I meet him, I sound no joyous note; with surly nod I greet him and try to get his goat. On Christmas, in my palace, the children play and dance; I tighten up my gallus, and whoop around and prance, until they think I'm dotty or jagged on Christmas cheer—for I am stern and haughty the balance of the year. This time I'll try to capture the Christmas atmosphere, the Christmas glee and rapture, and run it through the year.—Walt Mason.

"HELP!"

COMMITTEE: Edwin A. Hodgson, Rev. M. R. McCarty, S. J., Rev. John H. Keiser, Mrs. Isaac Goldberg, Mrs. Moses Heyman, Mrs. John H. Keiser, Mrs. Wm. Lipgens.

BULLETIN No. 4.

In response to Miss Yvonne Pitrois' cry for help for the war-stricken Belgian Deaf, who are in need of food and clothing, the following have been contributed and sent to the undersigned:—

(Send contributions to Edwin A. Hodgson, Editor DEAF-MUTES' JOURNAL, P. O. Station M, New York City.)

Edwin A. Hodgson	2 00
Mr. and Mrs. Marcus L. Kenner	2 00
Minnie M. Price, Middlebury, Vt.	1 00
Mr. and Mrs. Heyman	5 00
William S. Abrams	1 00
George T. Dougherty	1 00
Alex. McIlwraith	1 00
Mrs. E. Souweine	2 00
Elmore Rose	1 00
Ida L. Frank	2 00
Mrs. Annie S. Lashbrook	1 00
Mrs. W. Beale	1 00
Charles Wiemuth	50
Mrs. Oscar Pfeiffer (through her sister, Mrs. Moses Heyman)	15 00
Fanwood Girls (through Miss Wanda Makowski)	1 96
Fanwood Boys (through Jean Paul Gruet)	4 26
May Donaghy, Putnam, Ct.	1 00
Edwin C. Harsh, Rockwood, Pa.	2 00
Mrs. G. M. Teegarden, Pittsburg	1 00

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Chicago Mission 2 00
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Children of Mary, Brooklyn 5 00
Xavier Epiphany Society 2 00
Epiphany 3 00
Xavier League of the Sacred Heart 1 00
Brooklyn De l'Epee Society 1 00

Through Vernon S. Birck:—
Superintendent, Teachers, Pupils and Employees, of the North Carolina School for the Deaf 25 00

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Miss Marion E. Finch, Salem, Ore.	1 00
Brown Family, Warren, O.	1 50
Mr. and Mrs. Reichard, Niles, O.	50
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Deaf Residents and Students on Kendall Green (through Harley D. Drake)	17 00

Pupils, Teachers and Officers of the Louisiana School for the Deaf (through Rev. H. L. Tracy)	8 45
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Collected at Gallaudet Day Celebration under the auspices of All Angels' Mission, Chicago, Ill. (through Rev. G. F. Flick)	16 00
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Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Goldberg	5 00
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Dr. J. B. Hotchkiss, Washington	1 00

Total to date \$226 08

EDWIN A. HODGSON.

Rhoda A. Barnard.

Mrs. Rhoda A. Barnard passed away, at Somerville, Mass., on the 20th of December, aged 88 years, 7 months and 18 days. She was educated at the Hartford School, beginning in 1836. She leaves two sons and two daughters. She was well-known and loved in Massachusetts.

GALLAUDET COLLEGE.

A Happy New Year to all. Just now, grinding occupies the center of the stage here at Gallaudet. The examinations, at the collection of which the average undergraduate quails, came off on Friday, Monday and Tuesday, December 17, 21 and 22. The Christmas vacation will begin on the 22d, and last till the 28th.

"Big Cotton" Birek, '12, showed up on the 19th, bringing his famous grin, and his "wife"—yes, dear readers, he has learned to use the word with blushing. Both Vernon and his helpmeet appeared to be in the best of health, if high spirits may be taken as an indication of such. We are sorry they did not remain with us longer.

Recently Prof. Day was put somewhat under the weather by an attack of bronchitis, which prevented him from seeing his classes for a day or so. We are glad to observe that he is up and about again, and appears not to have lost his geniality and good spirits.

On Saturday evening, December 19th, some hearing young women were given the use of Chapel Hall for the production of a musical and dramatic performance, the receipts of which were donated to the Belgian Relief Fund. The performance, which had been arranged by the daughters of Dr. Hotchkiss, was attended by many of the students and co-eds. Although they were unable to enjoy the musical numbers, those who were present report that the affair was most successful.

The reading room committee recently awoke from its perennial slumbers in time to lamp Keeley, '16, and C. Thompson, '16, in a bucking contest. Keeley was given his walking papers for the steenth time, and C. Thompson was also told to "git!" Others who were ordered to take swift a sneak are Stegemerten, '16, Classen, '16, and Schmidt, '17. When their term of suspension expire, they are expected to be among the most docile. "Let us have peace!"

Claussen, P. C., took just an hour and a half to come to the melancholy conclusion that his Ancient History examination was not adapted to his brand of intellect.

GALLAUDET 23 GEO. WASH. UNIVERSITY 27

In one of the most thrilling and hardest fought basket-ball games of the season, Gallaudet lost to George Washington University, on the evening of December 1st.

The contest came off in the National Guard Armory, in the city. The floor being a great deal larger than they are accustomed to play on, the Kendall Greeners might have been excused if they had played raggedly during the first half. But as a matter of fact, Gallaudet took the jump on George Washington from the first, and led by the score of 13 to 5, at the end of the initial session.

Judging Gallaudet's form by the wretched showing the Buff and Blue made against Catholic University two weeks ago, the Hatchettes imagined that they had the game on ice, and that at best, Gallaudet would be able to put up but a wretched article of basket-ball. Therein they made a rather serious miscalculation, for as the result proved, Gallaudet has gone ahead a great deal since the C. U. contest, and is able to give most any team in this section a run for its money.

In the second half, Gallaudet did not play as spiritedly as in the first session, or else George Washington made a wonderful improvement, for this period had hardly opened before the Hatchettes had jumped up to an even standing with the Kendall Greeners. After that, the contest was nip and tuck, with now one team and then the other ahead.

The second half ended in a tie, each team having annexed twenty-one points. It, therefore, became necessary to add a five-minute period to decide the winner. It was in this period that Gallaudet was beaten, for, tired out after thirty minutes of hard playing, the Kendall Greeners were not able to play as consistently as in the early part of the tussle, while George Washington put in some fresh men, who, in rapid succession, ran up six points, giving the game to their team.

In reviewing the facts brought to light by the George Washington University, we may say again that Gallaudet has made a wonderful improvement during the past two weeks. Coach Haas seems to have injected a liberal dose of "pep" into the team, for its basket shooting is much better, and the guarding is closer, while team work is much more in the evidence.

GALLAUDET	GEORGE WASHINGTON
Keeley	L. F. Almon
H. Wagner	T. Bryant
Rosenbush	T. Johnson
Classen	J. G. Shaven
Rockwell	F. G. Grossbeck

On December 19th, Gallaudet was scheduled to play a game with the St. John's Quint, at Annapolis, but the game was called off on account of the exams falling due.

The next game on the schedule comes off on January 9th, when the Buff and Blue tackles Baltimore City College at Kendall Green.

Gallaudet should win by a large margin.

Miss Dorothy Louise Pfaff, of the Class of '18, was called home last week for some reason, which we have, thus far, failed to discover. Miss Pfaff (we call her "Dot" in private, you know) is one of the brightest flowers of the Freshman Class (perhaps that's why those Freshies have been wearing such long faces lately), and she will be sadly missed. We trust that the fates will allow her a speedy return to the Green.

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BALTIMORE

The Christ Methodist Episcopal Church for the Deaf held a very successful oyster-supper in the basement of the church, November 12th and 13th. The room was crowded both evenings, and the neat sum of \$170 was realized. Fifteen gallons of oysters were used up, which were donated by a friend on the Eastern Shore—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gallion, of Harford Co., sent in the largest donation, which consisted of four crates of canned goods and several baskets of vegetables and two large pumpkins, together with a sum of money. Not one of the goods and fancy articles was left over, everything being sold out at good prices.

Mr. A. C. Buxton had the misfortune to lose his beloved father, who passed away suddenly during the early part of November. The funeral was largely attended, and Rev. Dr. A. C. Powell officiated, being assisted by Rev. Hensel. Revs. D. E. Moylan and J. A. Brandlick attended the funeral also. The many friends of Mr. Buxton extend their heartfelt sympathy in his sad bereavement.

Calvert Wrightson Pritchard, a brother of Mrs. Brandlick, died two weeks ago, leaving a wife and seven children to mourn their loss.

Miss Edna Elliott and Mr. Stephen Sandbeck also lost their mother by death recently.

The Ladies' Aid Society, of the M. E. Church gave a very fine Turkey Dinner, Thanksgiving Eve, and their efforts were crowned with success. The Sunday School room was crowded and everyone pronounced the supper a great success. The reputation of Christ M. E. Church was sustained. Good cheer prevailed, and a neat sum was realized for the object for which the supper was held. Santa Claus will pay his annual visit to the Church, Tuesday night, December 29th.

Rev. Moylan was called to New York a few weeks ago, and got a chance to visit the Fanwood School, where he was warmly received by the Principal and teachers. He speaks glowingly of the kind treatment he received at the hands of the officers of the School.

The Baptist Mission held a very enjoyable literary meeting in the basement of First Church, Wednesday night, December 9th. Rev. Brandlick gave a very interesting lecture, entitled "The Last Word," which was eagerly listened to by those present. He was followed by Mrs. E. A. Feast, who told of the cause of the great European War. After a short address by Rev. Bryant, the meeting closed with a fine collation which everybody enjoyed.

The Frats are growing by degrees and now there are thirty-five members. The following officers were elected for the ensuing term at the business meeting last Saturday night: W. W. Duval, President; Ray Kaufman, Vice-President; Orlando K. Price, Secretary; Rev. J. A. Brandlick, Treasurer; Adolph Bomhoff, Sergeant-at-Arms; Geo. Brown, Director; D. E. Moylan, Patriarch.

Gallaudet Day was fittingly celebrated by the Methodist Mission. They had Dr. J. B. Hotchkiss, of Gallaudet College, as their guest, who gave a very interesting account of the life and work of Dr. Thomas H. Gallaudet, before a fair-sized audience, in the Sunday School room, on the evening of December 10th. After the lecture a fine collation was served to which all did ample justice.

Mr. Henry O. Nicol, Jr., and Miss Fannie Hoke were married, in Washington, D. C., by Rev. Arthur D. Bryant, day before Thanksgiving. They showed up at the Methodist Church last Sunday and received the congratulations of a large circle of friends who were present. The Frats presented them with a fine mantle clock.

We have just been informed that Prof. I. Bjorlee, of the Fanwood (N. Y.) School for the Deaf, will spend part of his Christmas vacation in Baltimore, as the guest of Rev. Moylan. He is expected to preach at the Methodist Church, on Sunday, December 27th, and also take part in the Christmas Entertainment, on December 29th.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Buxton are at present living in Cleveland, O., to stay till spring, when they will return to Baltimore again. They remembered their Baltimore friends by sending them pretty Christmas post-cards. Merry Christmas to all!

LORD BALTIMORE.

FANWOOD.

CHRISTMAS AT FANWOOD.

Santa Claus arrived at the Fanwood School Friday afternoon and brought, as usual, some delightful surprises for the little people and big people too. Santa always has



a number of very kind and generous people back of him, or he could never accomplish all his work before Christmas. The little people did their share of the work in making the pretty decorations for the tree. The kindergarten filled candy boxes, decorated the tree, and transformed the chapel stage into an old-fashioned room with an open fireplace, just the kind Santa Claus likes to find in the houses he visits.

The tree was unusually beautiful this year, from the big silver star at the top down to the fascinating snow scene at the base. There were dolls coasting on the hill side, and a jolly little snow man, all made of cotton, but the children said it looked just like snow. The carpenter shop loaned the prize doll house for the occasion, and it looked very fine indeed in the midst of the snow scene.

The candy boxes were arranged very prettily in front of the stage by some of the older boys, who found that work most attractive. Near the candy boxes was a little table filled with gifts made by the kindergarten children, who always spend the holidays at Fanwood. They like to give their handiwork to their friends in the school family. The Principal received several gifts from the children.

The beautiful picture on the wall slates at the back of the stage, "The little town of Bethlehem," and "The Star," was drawn and colored by some of the older girls from the Art Department, and was greatly admired by every one. We all love to look at this beautiful scene at this season, so the girls were asked to draw the same picture again this year.

After the picture, the fireplace, the tree, and everything else had been admired, the Principal talked to his big family for a few moments. The chapel was filled to overflowing with smiling faces, from the tiny tots on the front row back to the tallest and oldest pupils in the school. Mrs. Currier, the teachers, officers and friends were there, too. After the Principal had wished every one a happy Christmas and New Year, six dainty Christmas fairies came dancing on the stage. They were dressed in white and silver, and each wore a gilt star on her head. The queen of the fairies led her little company through our favorite American dance, "Pop goes the weasel." The school band played and the fairies seemed to keep perfect time with the merry tune and evidently enjoyed it thoroughly.

After the dance the queen of the fairies, with a very graceful wave of her silver wand, suggested that they search for their old friend Santa Claus. After they had hunted everywhere they finally looked up the chimney, but failed to find him there. Then the queen suggested that they all sit in a circle near the tree and wait for him. Their heads nodded, and when they seemed to fall asleep, Old Santa peeped out from the fireplace, much to the surprise of all the little ones in the front seats, who had never seen such a splendid Santa Claus before. Finally Santa came right out of the fireplace, pack and all, and began right away to fill some stockings that were hanging in the chimney corner. When he turned around and saw the little fairies fast asleep over by the tree, he walked softly all around the circle, and then gave a sudden jump right into the centre of the group. This made the fairies jump up, too. Then they greeted Santa joyfully and danced around him. Santa joined merrily in the dance, much to everyone's delight.

Santa asked the fairies to help him distribute the gifts, and every one of them agreed to do her share of the work, but they sat down to rest a few moments while Santa talked to his old friends, the boys and girls of Fanwood School. He advised them all to follow the motto that the Principal has over his desk in the office, "Keep on Smiling," all next year.

After Santa and the fairies had distributed the gifts all the boys and girls received their boxes of candy from Santa Claus as they marched out of the chapel. Every one was very grateful to the real Santa Claus, the Principal, for the good time.

Some one said: "How thankful the pupils in the Fanwood School

should be for all their good times, especially this year, when so many children are suffering from cold and hunger in all our cities, and across the sea."

Some one else said: "Those who really love Christmas and know how to keep it best, try to make others who are less fortunate than themselves comfortable and happy. This loving, unselfish Christmas spirit should last not only through Christmas Day, but through the whole year."

The domino-championship tournament came to a very successful close, after two and a half months' most intense excitement for the first position. The rivals for the first honors were Cadet Lieutenants Solia Gerschanek and Moses Schnapp and Cadet Morris Elowitz. The rivalry continued for nearly three weeks. Lieutenant Gerschanek retained the lead to the end. Elowitz came in second, followed by Schnapp, who took the third place.

The prizes were awarded as follows:—

First.—Three-dollar prize went to Lieutenant Solia Gerschanek.

Second.—Two-dollar prize captured by Cadet Morris Elowitz.

Third.—One-dollar prize awarded to Lieutenant Moses Schnapp.

Fourth.—Seventy-five cents prize to Cadet Captain Morris Rubin.

Fifth.—Twenty-five cents prize to Cadet Corporal Moses Rosenberg.

The officers in charge of the Tournament were: Manager, Cadet Lieutenant Solia Gerschanek; Assistant Manager, Cadet Corporal M. A. Rosenberg; Treasurer, Cadet Lieutenant Moses Schnapp. Adjudicating Committee—Cadets Rosenberg and Elowitz.

Credit is due to these officers for their zeal and encouragement in behalf of the Tournament. The following were the standings:—

NAMES	G.	W.	L.	P.C.
Gerschanek	135	98	37	.726
Elowitz	135	95	40	.704
Schnapp	122	83	39	.681
M. Rubin	122	81	41	.665
M. Rosenberg	119	75	44	.634
Gabawitch	109	65	44	.595
Dlugaz	96	56	40	.583
Shapiro	90	52	38	.578
Krinsky	99	52	47	.526
Haberman	86	43	43	.500
Pescia	81	40	41	.494
Sherman	111	51	60	.450
Gruet	51	23	28	.457
Borgstrand	103	47	56	.454
Guinta	86	39	47	.456
Carpenter	60	26	34	.434
Asinof	96	40	56	.415
Livingston	76	30	46	.394
Gompers	65	24	41	.383
Burger	77	29	48	.378
De Castro	44	16	28	.364
Kerner	90	30	60	.334
Lambert	45	15	30	.334
Funk	43	13	30	.303
Boland	103	31	72	.301
Olsen	60	16	44	.267
Cammann	12	2	10	.167
Stafford	13	2	11	.150

One day previous to the departure of the pupils for home, sweet home, for their two weeks' vacation, on Saturday, the 19th of December, the Fifth Grade class under the tutelage of Mr. Frank S. Thomason offered him a costly box of delicious candy as a Christmas gift, to express their feeling of gratitude for his hard work and endeavor to improve them in English language and other subjects. Opening the box, he laughed for so long a time that it was hard to pick out some ones that he wanted to eat. At that time Mr. Skyberg, a teacher here, was also presented with a splendid present, such as a self-filling fountain pen, by his Seventh Grade class. He accepted it with glad-hearted handshakes and a sincere expression that it was very difficult for him to tell how glad he was to get the pen—the first present he ever got from the deaf.

James Gallagher, of Port Jervis, N. Y., was a visitor on Saturday. Since graduating from this Institution three years ago, he has added special instruction in linotype, and now is able to operate a No. 9 linotype machine. He gets good pay in an office in his home town.

Southern Dioceses.

REV. O. J. WHILDIN, General Missionary, W. 1429 Lavalade St., Baltimore, Md.

PRINCIPAL MISSION STATIONS.
Baltimore—Grace Chapel, Park Ave. and Monument St. Services and Bible Class meetings every Sunday, 3:15 P.M.
Washington, D. C.—St. Barnabas Mission, Holy Trinity, 3d and C Streets, N. W.
Rev. H. C. Merrill, Assistant. Services and Bible Class meetings every Sunday, 11 A.M.

Wheeling, W. Va.—St. Matthew's Church for the Deaf, Mr. J. C. Bremer, Lay-reader. Services every Sunday, 3 P.M.
Durham, N. C.—St. Philip's Church, Bible Class meetings, every Sunday, 9:30 A.M., Miss Robins, Till Schenck, Parish Visitor. Services, every Sunday, 3 P.M. Mr. Roma Fortune, Lay-Reader.
New Orleans, La.—St. Paul's Church, Camp and Gaiette Streets, Rev. H. L. Tracy, Assistant. Services monthly.

The General Missionary visits the above and numerous other stations in the South upon such occasions as are appointed and locally made known. The Missionary will be glad to confer with any one desiring to assist in the work of the Mission.

PHILADELPHIA.

News items for this column should be sent to James S. Reider, 1538 North Dover Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The thirteenth year dinner of the Gallaudet Club was held in one of Philadelphia's newest sky-scrapers in the very heart of the city, the Hotel Adelphi, at Thirteenth and Chestnut Streets, on Thursday evening, December 10th, 1914. The Directing Manager of this new hotel is the same person who managed the New Bingham Hotel, where the club held several of its dinners in the past, from which it may be inferred that this year's dinner was as good or better than any of those before it. The hotel itself is one of the most beautiful of its kind in the city. While all this and more may be said in praise of the fine hostelry, this year, by chance the thirteenth, was a sort of off-year in the matter of attendance. First the persons whom the club sought to make the honor guests declined the honor on account of previous engagements, and then the present unfavorable times prevented several deaf from sharing in the dinner as they had been wont to do. The non-resident members of the club also made themselves conspicuous by their absence. Messrs. Barton Sensenig, Howard Griffin, and Rev. Frank H. Reiter, teachers and former "regulars," were missed at the dinner, the last named two having left the Mt. Airy School for higher positions. So the dinner this year was confined almost wholly to the little club family. Dr. A. L. E. Crouter attended,

CALIFORNIA.



A Merry Christmas to you all from California.

You all want to come to California in 1915, where there is the glad hand and the open heart for you.

It is really to your interest to come to the San Francisco Exposition, which is, in every way, America's supreme constructive and expository triumph.

It will be opened on time, complete to the last detail.

There will be so much to see, so much to do, so many places to go, so much of historical interest, such a perfectly delightful climate, that it is no wonder California is called the play-ground of the world?

Are you going to miss all this?

Do you remember the experience of the philosopher who offered English Sovereigns for pennies on London Bridge many years ago, without finding a taker, how the passers by ignored the opportunity and lost the profit, because they thought it too good to be true?

And do you realize, to-day, that you are face to face with an offer, every whit as good to you as the exchange of copper for gold—if you will only make up your mind to take it?

A very interesting trip across the continent, abounding in scenes of the greatest variety, at such an unheard of moderate outlay of time and money, and a fine time in California. Fitz Hugh Ludlow, recently deceased, said, "To a traveler paying his first visit to California, it has the interest of a new planet. It ignores the meteorological laws which govern the rest of the world. There is no snow, except what you see on top of the mountains.

There are no summer showers. The tailor recognizes no apellion or perihelion in his custom.

The thin woolen suit made in April is comfortably worn until April again. Save that in so called winter frequent rain falls alternate with spotless intervals of amber weather, and that so-called summer is an entire amber man, its unbroken divine days concrete in it, there is no inequality on which to forbid the bans between May and December.

In California, there no work for the scene shifter of nature. The wealth of that great dramatist, the year, resulting in the same manner as the poverty of dabbles in private theatricals—a single plat doing service for the entire play. Thus, save for the purposes of notes of hand, the almanac of California might replace its mutable months and seasons with one great, kindly, constant sumptuous all the year round. Out of this benignant sameness, what glorious fruits are produced:

What joy of vegetation is lacking to the man who, every month in the year, can look through his study window on a green lawn, and have strawberries and cream for breakfast. Who can sit down to this royal fruit and at the same time to apricots, peaches, nectarines, blackberries, raspberries, melons, figs, both yellow and purple, early apples and grapes of so many kinds.

Do you wonder, after reading this, why so many people want to visit California?

The first impression you get when seeing California is confirmed and deepened by every day's experience.

Many, many thousands of people are coming, bent on seeing "America first." Be one of them!

Under the direction of President Mr. Osmon, whose extraordinary capacity for tactful and clever management amounts almost to genius, the Los Angeles Division, No. 27, N. F. S. D., held its Box Supper Saturday eve., November 21st, at Mozart Theatre, Grant Hall. To merely say it was a success would be almost disparaging for it was a success with the biggest S. There were over thirty lunch boxes all filled to overflowing with most tempting viands donated by the ladies, and the boxes were in all sizes and shapes, all very prettily decorated.

Five judges were appointed to decide which box was the most artistic—Messrs. Winters, Herrig, Graemer, and Mesdames McGowan and May Cool, found it so hard a task that three ballots had to be taken before it could be done. Miss Roy's box was finally declared to be the prettiest, so she was given the prize, a pretty brooch. Then came the auctioneering under the aggressive but tactful wheedlings of a very efficient auctioneer, in the person of Mr. Milton Miller, the merry throng of sixty deaf people very spiritedly but good naturedly vied with each other in bidding, to see who could bid the highest. The palm fell to Mr. Fisk, so he won the highest bidder prize of a very pretty gold stick-pin with a coral setting. His bid was \$5.10, and the next one was \$4.75, by Mr. Morton Sonneborn.

After the bidding was over, all adjourned to the banquet room, where the lunches were enjoyed. The N. F. S. D. very generously served out coffee free. After the proceeds was counted up, it was found to be \$45.00.

The Los Angeles Division, No. 27, N. F. S. D., is a very enterprising and progressive band of deaf men and all its projects are always carried out successfully. It is because every one of the members works in perfect harmony with each other, and we are mighty proud of them. It begins to dawn upon me, it may be because they are so imbued with the California boosting spirit, that it seems to come naturally to them.

One of the merriest parties of the season was the result of a surprise farwell party recently arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Mills, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Left and Miss Left. The Lefts went to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Mills, in response to an invitation to spend a quiet evening with them, only to be confronted with a large group of laughing friends, who had gathered there to give them a royal send off. Forty were present.

Following the surprise, a leather sofa pillow was given to them as a remembrance of their two years' sojourn in California. Then several old-fashioned games, which afforded so much pleasure for the youths and maidens of olden days, were resurrected, so jollity reigned supreme, after which a collation of delicacies was served by Mrs. Mills. Mr. and Mrs. Left and Miss Left made their departure, Tuesday morning, November 9th, for New York City, for an indefinite stay. Their leaving was greatly regretted by their friends in Los Angeles.

Felicitations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Himmelschein, over the arrival of a baby girl.

A warm welcome is being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, of St. Paul, Minnesota, and Mr. Dean, by their friends in Los Angeles. They are now domiciled at Pasadena, and as they brought their auto, they are taking trips all over Southern California. They are in love with our roads and say they are the best ever.

Mrs. Wornstaff is again among us, and seems none the worse after her extended visit in Ohio. She says "nothing like Los Angeles." She gave us some disquieting news, which was to the effect that her mother is now planning to go back to her old home at Zanesville, O., to be with her relatives once more again, so it means Mrs. Wornstaff will have to go along too. It would be a pity, for she is one of our strongest and most convincing boosters.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills and Mr. and Mrs. Cool went Friday evening to Alamitos, to stay over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Saxton Gilmore, at their lovely summer home, just one day after the duck hunting season opened. Alamitos Bay is one of the best duck-hunting places, so the three men felt confident they would bag a dozen ducks apiece, but alas for them, the weather was then not propitious, so all during the three days Mr. Gilmore got only one duck, Mr. Mills none, and not even an abill to explain the reason.

Miss Carrie Brown, of Minneapolis, Minn., with her sister and husband, are in Los Angeles, and have rented a suite of rooms in one of our hotels for the winter. They also brought their auto along.

Friends of Mr. Joe Sonneborn will be pained to hear that he has been quite seriously ill with angina pectoris. The pain was of such a painful nature that the doctor had to keep him under the influence of morphine most of the three weeks he was sick. He was compelled to stay in bed for a few days, but now has almost recovered from it. He and Morton Sonneborn are now working together on a tool chest, in preparation for the latter's tools, which he sent for from Chicago. Both are very ingenious with the use of their hands.

Mr. Cool had the best luck, for he added two rabbits to his one duck, and it was because he keeps an eye on this old adage, "Kill two birds with one stone," made good use of the common knowledge that, wherever there are ducks there are also rabbits, so he kept his eyes looking all around, so he got two rabbits.

The two ducks and the rabbits together made a royal feast Sunday. Mr. Gilmore took the ladies out for a ride in his gasoline launch, but at first had a little difficulty in getting away, for the tide had gone down. But Mr. Mills very gallantly offered to give them a shove, so he got an oar and leaned on it with all his might to push the launch out into deeper water. Alas! our best intentions do have such a provoking way of turning against us at the wrong time. It did with him, for the oar broke, so, losing his equilibrium, he fell into the bay with his very best Sunday clothes on. He came out a sadder and a much wiser man. He knows better now.

Mrs. May Cool, Member Local Publicity Committee N. A. D.

LOS ANGELES. Being fond of her own weight isn't a fault of the over stout lady.

BOSTON.

On December 2d, fifteen members met at the all-day business meeting at the Home in Everett. A very good number for the first rainy day in two years. Sewing for the Home and making patchwork occupied the morning hours. After lunch, during the business meeting, it was moved that a vote of thanks be extended to Miss Green who managed the Fair, on November 21st; in Providence, R. I., and Mrs. Peirce and also all others who kindly helped Miss Green.

Mr. William Aleott, one of the Trustees, did the L. A. the honor of being present and spelled out a few words of praise and added that the Trustees would not know what they would have done without the help of the L. A. Now, is not that the greatest compliment, and no wonder the members were pleased and all the more encouraged.

Recently some one unknown, even to the Treasurer, Mr. Hubbard, gave \$200 (two hundred dollars) toward the mortgage and the writer hopes the stranger, who, ever it is, will accept the thanks and appreciation of the L. A.

After the business meeting Mrs. Rudolph, the director, called the members and others out to supper which consisted of hot biscuits made by the matron, Mrs. Crockett, and other good things.

Games soon followed. The first was to get as many words as possible out of the word "peanut," in a certain time. Twenty-eight (28) words in all were made. Can any one make more? Another was the old-fashioned game, "Dumb Band."

A trick, consisting of a tumbler placed upside down on each of two quarters with a ten cent piece inside, was tried. Every one was asked to try to get the dime out without touching the tumbler. Two tried to blow it out, but both failed, with the result that all declared it was impossible, till one lady, Mrs. Soper, after studying the situation succeeded, much to the surprise of all. How? Better try this at home. Very easy, although it does not look so.

During the day the things that were left over from the Fair were sold, and a good sum of money added to what was received from the supper.

The next business meeting will be held with President Bigelow in Mattapan, on Wednesday, January 6th.

On December 12th, Mrs. Chapman, who had charge of the entertainment, with Mrs. Chase and Mrs. Hiram Brown gave supper at the Home, from five to seven. At eight Miss Goldsmith gave a very interesting lecture on her European travels. She told of many interesting as well as funny incidents. She visited many countries, such as England, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, not forgetting to describe the houses, cathedrals and beautiful pictures, and also the soldiers.

The lecture lasted an hour and a half before she stopped and thought she had said enough for that time, but was surprised when the audience said, "More, more; we want to hear more." She then went on till almost ten, adding that she would finish it some other time and show the people the pictures too.

Miss Green, of Providence, R. I., Mr. and Mrs. Frisbee, Mr. F. Roberts and Mr. Tufts were present. Mrs. Cross, the treasurer, was unable to be present, on account of her daughter's cold, but Mr. Cross took her place. (Husbands come handy sometimes.)

At the close, Mrs. Chapman handed Mr. Fred Odiorne of Quincy a lady's gold watch, which he won through a chance. The watch once belonged to one of the inmates of the Home, and when she died it was given to Mrs. Chapman. For two years, Mrs. Chapman had been collecting twenty-five cents a chance. The result was that, at the end, she had made just twenty-five dollars.

Mrs. Perry was chosen by the L. A. to buy and give Christmas presents to the inmates of the Home on Christmas Day. It is expected that the officers and a few members of the L. A. will be present, and help and to give cheer to the inmates.

Mrs. Margaret Lutes, of East Lynn, one of the members, lost her baby, on Saturday, December 5th. Her bright little girl, now living, is almost three years old.

The friends of the Small family were pained and shocked, when they learned of Mrs. Small's sudden death. The L. A. can not forget what they did for the Home before they left for California. Will Mr. Small and Mrs. Cooper, who see this, accept the sympathy of their friends in and about Boston.

"Merry Christmas" to all, and may the new year bring a more prosperous year than the last, is the wish of the L. A.

BUSY BEE.

December 13, 1914.

Lutheran Mission St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the deaf. Services in the sign-language in the church, 426 Broome Street, every Sunday at 3 P.M. ARTHUR BOLL, Pastor.

"Deaf" Beggars impostors.

From the St. Louis Republic.

Not so very long ago a well-dressed young man presented the following letter at the office of a local manufacturing establishment:

"As the result of sickness I am left a mite. Handicapped in a chance to make a living—through the want of an education—I am overcoming this by raising the cost of a course in lithography at the Columbia School for the Deaf in Washington, D. C. Any aid will be gratefully received. Respectfully, FRANK MORRIS."

It is hardly necessary to add that the Columbian Institution is a free school, and does not teach lithography. The fellow was an impostor, posing as a deaf-mute. He was arrested, fined and given hours to leave the city.

An envelope recently offered by a young man in the workroom of a downtown department store bore the following printed statement:

I AM A DEAF-MUTE.
By the sale of the inclosed article I am trying to better my education and become more self-supporting. Price, 10 cents. Please patronize me.

In that particular case the envelope happened to be handed to a real deaf-mute, an employee in the department, who started an investigation, which caused the owner of the card—who was an impostor—to beat a hasty retreat.

The other day there appeared at a residence in the Clifton Heights district a young man, who presented the following letter:

"Kind Friend: I am a deaf and dumb boy, caused so three months ago by fever. I am trying to get funds for an education in a mite school and what small change you can spare will be highly appreciated. I'd put to good use.
Please spare what you can and may God bless you. My parents are both dead."
WILLIAM LONG.

A few questions by his interviewer, who happened to be familiar with the deaf and their sign language, confirmed the suspicion that the fellow was an impostor. An order to some one in the house to summon a policeman was overheard by the "deaf" visitor, whereupon he vanished. It is the same old dodge that these "deaf" impostors play—the asking for loose change where-to further their education. The graft must be a lucrative one of there would not be so many engaged in it. The public is warned against giving money to a stranger who calls himself a "deaf-mute" or "deaf and dumb." The real deaf-mute does not beg. He may ask for work. Sometimes he peddles, but never to earn money to further his education, as every State and many of the cities have free public schools for the deaf.

The "deaf" impostor evil had become such a menace that State and national associations for the advancement of the deaf are talking measures looking toward its suppression. Numerous arrests have been made in various parts of the country as the result of the crusade inaugurated by the deaf. In several States there are special laws dealing with such cases, but usually the vagrancy law and the law against obtaining money by false pretenses if rigidly applied will have a salutary effect. The public will confer a favor upon the self-respecting and law-abiding deaf citizens of the community by turning over to the police for further investigation every stranger applying for money who claims to be a "deaf-mute."

JAMES H. CLOUD,
President Missouri Association for the Advancement of the Deaf.

CHRISTMAS is coming. Be prepared for it and make all the coin you can. But you say you can't; you've lost your job. Some blame the Democrats because some of the mills are not running on full time. Others say the war in Europe makes money tight. All have an excuse for their laziness; but when Christmas comes, as it does like taxes, they'll have to pay the piper; for there's going to be some fun, and it is no free show. Therefore, Agents what are you going to do about it?

The Elwell Sign Card and Specialty Co., of Philadelphia, have a proposition to offer you. Their Novelty Sign Card Specialties are very saleable articles. They sell and pay for themselves. They require no speech, no talking; you just show them around and take in good coin. Any deaf person with a little gumption, who desires to be his own boss can be an agent. Those who are afraid seldom escape the grind of the mill, factory and farm.

Just now the Elwell Co. has some special cards which are fast sellers. "This Christmas Day" is the best. They sell at 15 cents a piece, or two for a quarter. They are 11 x 14 inches in size, and in two or more colors. They are a good enough to frame. They sell at 100 per cent or more profit. Everybody wants one. Better send the price for a sample or two, which will be returned if not satisfactory. Incidentally, the Elwell Co. has just got out a sign manual alphabet card. It's a dandy. It is called "Good Luck." No. 14. It is not designed for beggars and impostors, but for the benefit of the Deaf. You will like it, so will your hearing friends; and you will get more friends through it.

Send two one-cent stamps for a sample. The Novelty Sign Cards are \$1.25 per dozen; \$5.00 per 100. Send stamp for catalogue. The "Good Luck" hand alphabet cards are \$1.00 per hundred.

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